

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5	In re Application of: Birk et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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	Application No.: 10/562,954)	
)	Examiner: Elana Beth Fisher
	Filing Date: December 30, 2005)	
)	Confirmation No.: 8688
10	For: IMPLANTABLE DEVICE FASTENING)	
	SYSTEM AND METHODS OF USE)	Customer No.: 51957
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Commissioner for Patents
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20 **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respond to the FINAL Office Action dated May 20, 2010 as follows:

25 **Listing** of the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

30 **Applicants Petition for a Three (3) month extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a)(3) to extend the period of response to on or before November 20, 2010 (or Monday, November 22, 2010). The three month extension of time fee of \$1,110 under 37 CFR §1.17(a)(3), and any other fees required to enter this Amendment and any other papers filed at any other time in this application and any other fees or costs, should be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-0885 (ALL-17957B-HEA).**

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